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This is boilerplate work. When E & R does it work it becomes routine. They know how to do what they do. These are not brain-busting cases and I'm going to support Senator Brashear's amendment to not pay these claims. We cannot let the appropriation process of the Legislature be coopted by a judge. And let the judge require that a justification be given for these expenses. We are not going to approve of a situation. I hope, where a judge just lists an amount of money to a lawyer he or she may approve of and say, yeah, the state will pay all of that. Lawyers, when they are granted fees in a case, will list out how much they think they should get based on the number of hours and other activities, and the court reviews it. The court does not automatically grant it. And if a lower court grants a certain amount in lawyer fees, the lawyer or whoever is going to have to pay them can appeal it, and I have seen instances where appellate courts have reduced the amount of fees that had been granted by a lower court. There is no appeal process or no oversight system here and I am not in favor of paying these Look at the lawyers who are doing it over and over. Now, if these cases do take that much time why should they take so much time from their duties that they're paid for, as county attorney, to do this? And I do not believe that all these cases are being handled in a county attorney's basement by the light of a flickering candle because he or she is so dedicated to enforcing the ANL...ALR provisions of law. It's an easy way to make money. It is a process which is not wise or prudent. don't care who the judge is deciding each one of these cases should carry a \$500 fee to the state. That's like a bounty system. You bring in what we ask you for and you got \$500 coming automatically. The lawyer first probably said, well, judge, this case will take about 15 minutes. The judge said, you'll get \$500 anyway. This is totally irresponsible. not to be found anywhere else in the legal system and we, committee, the Business and Labor Committee, should not continue to approve of this. Why did I not fight the bill in committee? Because I wanted the bill to come out here so we could take care of awarding that employee the \$5,000, but the rest of this in the bill, when it comes to these items, I'm opposed to and I did challenge them in committee. When a representative of the Attorney General's Office came in I grilled him. When somebody spoke for the county attorneys I expressed my view there, but I